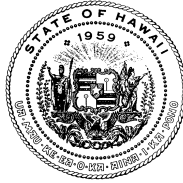


GM587

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, Gubernatorial Nominee, GUY MORIGUCHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.
Report Title:	Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators
Current Referral:	CPH



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0587
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GUY MORIGUCHI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 4/05/2019 @ 9:30 am Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of
3 Mr. Guy S. Moriguchi to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators (Board).

4 Mr. Moriguchi has 38 years of operational experience in both water and wastewater
5 operations. Currently, he works for Aqua Engineers, a prominent Hawai company in the area of
6 water and wastewater treatment plant operations and oversees the operation of systems on Kauai.

7 In addition to his extensive experience, Mr. Moriguchi possesses a Grade 2 Distribution
8 System Operator and Grade 2 Water Treatment Plant Operator certification. Therefore, he
9 understands the value of a certification program. His knowledge will bring valuable insight to
10 the Board from an operator's perspective.

11 In the past, Mr. Moriguchi served two consecutive terms on the Board ending in 2014.
12 His willingness to serve a third term demonstrates his commitment to his profession and the
13 certification of drinking water system operators.

14 **Offered Amendments:** None

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April, 3, 2019

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
GUY S. MORIGUCHI

Testimony of Ryan Thomas Smith,
Assistant Chief, Operations Division
County of Kaua'i, Department of Water

Dear Members of the Senate Committee,

This letter of recommendation is in support of Mr. Guy Moriguchi, a highly experienced wastewater and water system operator with over 30 years of experience in the industry. Mr. Moriguchi has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to water and wastewater system operations along with the 8 years he previously devoted to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators. The County of Kaua'i, Department of Water strongly supports the nomination. I believe that you would have a hard time finding a more suitable candidate with the knowledge, experience and selfless devotion that Mr. Moriguchi has provided over the years. From my experience working with Mr. Moriguchi I have found that he is reliable and always the consummate professional.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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April 2, 2019

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

GM223 – Guy Moriguchi for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators

To the Honorable Rosalyn Baker,

The purpose of this letter is to strongly support the appointment of Guy Moriguchi to a position on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

Mr. Moriguchi, an Operations Manager with Aqua Engineers, has over 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater management industry. Aqua Engineers is a reputable operator of water and wastewater facilities throughout the State of Hawaii. Grove Farm contracted Aqua Engineers to operate two facilities – including our former wastewater facility and for the last 15 years they have operated our Waiahi Surface Water Treatment Plant. I have worked with Mr. Moriguchi who has direct oversight of these facilities.

In addition to his years of experience in the industry, Mr. Moriguchi holds various levels of certification as both a wastewater treatment plant operator and a water distribution operator. Further, he is well versed with this appointed position as he has served in this capacity several years ago. Mr. Moriguchi makes for a well-rounded candidate for this position.

I strongly support the appointment of Guy Moriguchi to a position on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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April 3, 2019

Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Subject: Recommendation for Mr. Guy Moriguchi for The Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators

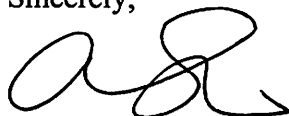
Dear Senator,

I recommend Guy Moriguchi for the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators. It has been my pleasure to work with Guy in several capacities over the past 15 years and to have been able to tap into his vast operations knowledge. He is certified as a Wastewater Treatment Operator, Water Treatment Operator and Water Distribution System Operator. He has well over 35 years of experience as an operator and has an exceptional understanding of operational processes and treatment technology.

Puhi Sewer and Water Company is operated and maintained, under contract, by Aqua Engineers. Guy is currently the Kauai Operations Manager for Aqua Engineers and he manages the workforce responsible for our facilities. I find Guy to be reliable, honest and professional.

I am confident that Guy's experience and perspective as an operator will be invaluable in the certification process. I strongly support the appointment of Guy for the Hawaii Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

Sincerely,



Ann Sokei
General Manager